

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 3 are pending and objected to.

The applicants' attorney amends claims 1 and 3 to address the Examiner's objection. These amendments do not narrow the claims. The applicants' attorney asserts that claims 1 – 3, as amended, are in condition for allowance.

Objection to the Abstract

The applicants' attorney has amended the abstract to reduce the total number of words to 151 or less. No new matter has been added to the application with this amendment to the specification.

Amendment to the Specification

The applicants' attorney has amended the specification to clarify that one of the references cited in the background section is a patent; not an application. No new matter has been added to the application with this amendment to the specification.

Objection to Claims 1 – 3

The applicants' attorney has amended claims 1 and 3 as suggested by the examiner to overcome his objections. Because the objection to claim 2 was based on the objection to claim 1, the applicants' attorney asserts that claim 2 is now allowable.

Conclusion

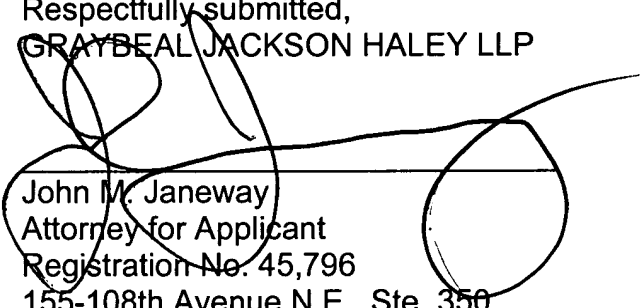
The applicants' attorney respectfully requests the examiner withdraw his objection to claims 1 – 3 in view of the amendments and remarks and issue an allowance for these claims.

Should any additional fees be required, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 07-1897.

If the examiner believes that a phone interview would be helpful, he is respectfully requested to contact the Applicants' attorney, John Janeway, at (425) 455-5575.

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